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**Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR DETECTING POSTAGE FRAUD USING AN INDEXED LOOKUP PROCEDURE**

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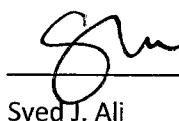
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record to appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to Applicants with the next Office communication to indicate that the references have been considered, pursuant to MPEP § 609.

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An English-language Abstract of the non-English language reference is attached hereto, and is relied upon for a statement of relevance for this reference.

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